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### Ⓢprotocol

• *n.*

1

*mass noun*

- the official procedure or system of rules governing affairs of state or diplomatic occasions.

»*protocol forbids the prince from making any public statement in his defence.*«

- the accepted code of procedure or behaviour in a particular situation.

»*what is the protocol at a smart lunch if one's neighbour dozes off during the speeches?*«

2

- the original draft of a diplomatic document, especially of the terms of a treaty agreed to in conference and signed by the parties.

- an amendment to a treaty or convention.

»*a protocol to the treaty allowed for this Danish referendum.*«

3

- a formal record of scientific experimental observations.

- a procedure for carrying out a scientific experiment or a course of medical treatment.

4

*count noun (Computing)*

- a set of rules governing the exchange or transmission of data between devices.

ORIGIN: ME (denoting the original note of an agreement): from OFr. *prothocole*, via med. L. from Gk *protokollon* 'first page, flyleaf'.

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